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1. South Vietnam

Thieu's hat is still in the presidential ring, despite Ky's more aggressive maneuvering to be selected as the military's candidate. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Ambassador Lodge notes that most of the senior generals seem to be keeping their lines open to both Thieu and Ky--and waiting to see where the power lies.

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2. Greece

Athens is outwardly calm. The curfew has been shortened, and infantry and armored units, although still in control of the city, are less in evidence. Behind this calm facade, however, we believe there are still many tensions and uncertainties.

The King--painfully aware that the young coup leaders control the guns--has gone along part way. He still is not in sympathy with the coup or its perpetrators, however, and is resisting demands to sign some of their more drastic measures. There could yet be a showdown between them.

The forced retirement of several high-ranking officers may mean that the coup leaders are consolidating their control of the armed forces.

Policy statements issued so far give the impression of a hard-nosed rightist attitude. The emphasis on social justice, social welfare, and a national mission suggests that the coup was aimed at more than just keeping the Papandreous from power.

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### 3. Soviet Union

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Soyuz-1 carried only one man, but had room for three. It was the first manned test of a new spacecraft the Soviets have been developing, most likely for a circumlunar flight. The Soviets may have originally intended a more complex mission for this spacecraft, such as orbiting a second spacecraft and transferring crew members, [REDACTED]

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### 4. Yemen

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## 5. Dominican Republic

There could be disturbances this week--the second anniversary of the 1965 revolt--if various political groups try to stage "commemorations" despite the government's ban on public demonstrations. Bosch's old party has planned an ambitious schedule of events for today, and members of the former "constitutionalist" forces are talking about leading a march through Santo Domingo.

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